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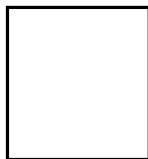
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REMARKS

FYI - copies have been sent to D/Personnel and D/Sec.

1 to 4 - At the back of this package is attached copy of a proposed reply to Rep. Chappell prepared at the request of the OLC. (at att)

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Executive Secretary

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Executive Secretary

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Date /

BILL CHAPPELL

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June 18, 1981

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FILE: security-4

Mr. William J. Casey, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Re: C.I.A. - Exposure to Agent Orange -

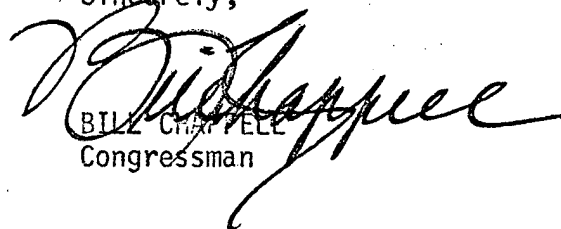
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Dear Mr. Casey:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. It will be appreciated if you will please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


BILL CHAPPELL
Congressman

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PLEASE RESPOND TO:

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June 16, 1981

Congressman Bill Chappel
523 N. Halifax
Daytona Beach FL 32018

Dear Congressman Chappel:

Per my conversation this date with a representative of your office, I am sending you this letter outlining my request for assistance. I need to know if there was any chance I or my family was exposed to the herbicide, known as Agent Orange as a result of my service with the Central Intelligence Agency in Vientiane Laos during the months of April thru September 1965. ALL fresh produce and fruit was purchased from the local (Laotian) marketplace.

I have on a number of occasions written to the Central Intelligence Agency, a copy of the original letter dating back to September 1980 is enclosed. The reverse side of this letter (copy enclosed) details my followups mostly via telephone with the Agency which culminated with a telephone call from the "medical director" for the Agency who as much as implied that this was the first they had heard of Agent Orange, and to be honest they didn't know where to start looking or checking. (I have a tape recording of this telephone call). His further comments were that a doctor had been hired and was going to look into the matter fully although they weren't sure where to start. I furnished them with what information I had about sources of information, and waited for a response. About two weeks later, again I called this "doctor" and he was surprised to hear from me and asked if I had any questions about a "letter" I should have received explaining that the agency knew positively that NO Agent Orange was in use in the area during the time I was in Laos. The second letter, unmailed (copy enclosed) was going to be sent to attempt to force a reply, but I did not send it based on the telephone conversation with the "doctor". I will be more than happy to duplicate this tape and send it to you. Approximately two weeks after the telephone call with [redacted] who identifies himself as the medical director for the agency I did receive a brief note to the effect that they know positively that no agent orange was in use in the area.

Congressman Chappel, I will be blunt and honest with you, I DON'T BELIEVE A WORD THE AGENCY HAS SAID, I speak from experience, and now I face an additional surgical exploration of both knees, am walking with braces on both knees and using a cane, somehow, I do believe that there was a chance that agent orange contamination struck me and my family while I was in Laos. My knees have deteriorated too quickly and completely to simply explain and I need answers which can be verified and are factual, we are expecting another child in Feb., and surprises are not what we want or need medically speaking.

I am in a curious position when it comes to requesting medical assistance. The initial "damage" to the knees is service connected (US Army), but the exposure (assuming there was) came at a time when I was a civilian (GS-08) assigned to Laos by the CIA, yet at the same time through a mistake made by CIA admin I was in the Active Reserve so quite frankly I don't know where I stand or who if anyone will be to blame.

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I think you'd really enjoy hearing the tape as it is a classic in explaining how I was ignored, how they weren't really sure anything was amiss with agent orange and how they didn't really have any resources to check the matter out. And all of this comes from the Agency charged with collecting intelligence for our government.

Please check into this matter and keep me updated, if you need any further information, I will be more than happy to furnish it assuming that it is within my own files.

Sincerely yours,



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P.S.

I have not been able to locate copies of my 2nd letter (2 Nov 80) nor their very brief responses but will send them as soon as I locate them

November 18, 1980

Mr. Harry Fitzwaters, Director of Personnel, Planning & Management
United States Central Intelligence Agency
Washington DC 20505

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Director Fitzwaters:

I have had no response to my second letter of November 2, 1980, wherein I stressed the urgency of resolving the matter of my possible exposure to "Agent Orange" during my agency service 1965 Vientianne Laos.

Despite my letter, no one has shown me the courtesy of communicating with me, or even acknowledging my letter. Hence, this letter has been sent via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to insure that in fact this letter has been received at your office.

I desire some communication from the Agency within the next ten days (based on receipt of this letter- as evidenced by the US POSTAL SERVICE RECEIPT) or I shall be forced to refer this matter and the copies of correspondence to my Congressman for assistance and if needbe to an attorney to insure your compliance with my request for information.

I do not wish to refer this matter to outsiders, but, I feel that I am being placed in a position where I have no choice but to seek outside assistance in resolving this issue.

I trust that I will be hearing from someone in a position to assist me long before referral to outside sources becomes necessary.

Sincerely yours,

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September 3, 1980

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Director S. Turner,
US Central Intelligence Agency
Washington DC 20505

Dear Director Turner:

I have a problem and need your assistance. From September of 1963 to April of 1966, I served with the US Central Intelligence Agency's Office of Communications.

I was a covert employee and the latter portion of my overseas assignment was in Vientiane Laos, during the summer of 1965.

Is there any possibility that I may have been exposed to residue(s) of "AGENT ORANGE" which I have been lead to believe was in fact used in the Laos 'Panda' area.

I have a great deal of concern in that all of our produce was acquired via the local marketplace and I have developed symptoms which closely mirror those associated with exposure to Agent Orange (i.e. bone/joint disorders which approximate arthritis).

The startling changes in this condition which affected both of my knees has prompted this letter seeking your assistance and information. Our daughter, recently born, suffered substantial birth trauma and a transcript of her medical condition to include her ten-day intensive care treatment has been forwarded to Duke University, where a Dr. Christopherson (uncertain of spelling) is feeding similar data into a computer to attempt to determine a correlation. To date we have not received any definitive information from that study.

Thus, my concerns are for first the degenerative condition present in both of my knees which although responding to conventional arthritis therapy, has changed dramatically and suddenly in less than one years time (two surgical arthroscopic examinations approximately one year apart and substantially different findings).

I have directed my inquiry to you rather than through the publicized "Agent Orange" out-reach groups because of my prior association with the Agency and my desire to keep any information within the 'family'. I am presently compensated by the VA for 'service connected residuals of bilateral meniscectomies', but the second operation resulted and was performed some nine years after my discharge from active duty and some six years after my tour of duty in the Laos area.

I am presently employed as a clinical engineer and Biomedical Engineering Director and as such am familiar with some of the changes which have surfaced without a logical medical explanation. My surgeon was not aware of Agent Orange, but could not rule out a toxic reaction being at the root of the degeneration of my condition. I was treated during my tour of duty in SE Asia (I will allow you to determine the location rather than compromise security) for tendon damage to the left knee.

Can you assist us in determining what we should do, and more important if there was any exposure to the toxic Agent Orange.

For the purpose of speeding your search, my social security number is

Sincerely yours,

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